

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO. d/b/a NATIONAL GRID

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby gives notice that it will conduct a hearing on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to take public comments on National Grid's proposed rate changes that will take effect October 1, 2021 for electric service and November 1, 2021 for gas service in various dockets currently pending before the PUC. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

People interested in providing public comment at the meeting may participate in a Zoom meeting through the internet or by calling in, preferably 5-10 minutes prior to the hearing. To participate, click this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81126738825> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 811 2673 8825 followed by the # symbol when prompted. If you are not interested in providing public comment, please watch the live stream at the address in the first paragraph. You will be able to observe the hearing and hear others' public comment.

National Grid's proposed rate changes to electric rates would take effect October 1, 2021. The rate changes would affect electric rates in all rate classes. One of the changes is the Last Resort Service rate. The residential Last Resort Service Rate has a different rate for the Winter rate period (Oct. 1 through March 31) than the Summer rate period (April 1 through Sept. 30). The Winter rate typically increases because the market price for electricity is higher during the winter period than the summer period. The residential Last Resort Service rate proposed for this winter is 10.882¢ per kWh, compared to the residential Summer rate which expires on Sept. 30 of 7.628¢ per kWh. There also are other changes to electric rates occurring at the same time. Table 1 shows the categories of changes and estimates the impact on the monthly bill of a typical residential customer taking Last Resort Service (LRS) from National Grid.

**Table 1: Monthly Bill Impacts of Proposed Electric Rates for a Typical Residential Customer taking Last Resort Service (500 kWh/month)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Impact of New Rates on Monthly Bill: Increase/(Decrease)</u>
<b>SUPPLY CHARGE</b>		
Last Resort Service Supply – Winter Rate	4978	\$16.94
<b>DELIVERY CHARGES</b>		
Renewable Energy Growth Factors & Reconciliation Factors	5164	\$0.32
Electric Infrastructure, Safety, &	4995	(\$0.90)

Reliability Investments		
Electric Pension Adjustment Factor	5179	\$0.34
	<b>Net Monthly Increase:</b>	\$16.70

The impact on typical residential LRS customer using 500 kWh per month is an increase of 15.3% on the total bill. For non-residential customers, the impacts will vary depending upon the rate class and usage.

National Grid also is proposing changes to gas rates that would take effect November 1, 2021. Table 2 estimates the annual impact of the proposed gas rates on a typical residential heating customer's bill. However, the Company will be updating the rate proposed for the Gas Cost Recovery Charge to reflect some unexpected interstate gas transmission cost reductions occurring at the time of its filing and expects the estimate of the Annual Bill increase to be slightly lower than stated below.

**Table 2: Annual Bill Impact of Proposed Gas Rate for a Typical Residential Heating Customer (845 therms/year)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Impact of Rate Increase on Annual Bill</u>
<b>SUPPLY CHARGE</b>		
Gas Cost Recovery Charge	5180	\$66.29*
<b>DELIVERY CHARGE</b>		
Distribution Adjustment Charge	5165	\$43.56
	<b>Net Annual Increase:</b>	\$109.85*

\* Subject to being updated.

The impact on an average residential heating customer using 845 therms annually is an annual increase of 8.0%. The impact on other customer rate classes will vary depending upon the rate class and usage.

The proposals are available for examinations at the PUC's office. The proposals can also be accessed on the PUC's website at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov>, Docket Menu, Docket Nos. 4978, 4995, 5164, 5179, 5165 and 5180. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The PUC is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
September 7, 2021